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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SECURITY SCREENING  
OF CUBAN PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS IN U.S.

1. DURING RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION  
DIVISION, BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, EMBOFF WAS ASKED WHETHER  
U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS MUST UNDERGO ANY TYPE OF POLICE  
CHECK OR SECURITY SCREENING (PRESUMABLY BY INS) PRIOR TO THEIR  
DEPARTURE ABROAD AND/OR PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE RE-ENTRY PERMITS  
WHICH ALLOW THEM TO RETURN TO U.S. WITHOUT IMMIGRANT VISAS  
FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ABSENCES ABROAD. THE QUESTION WAS FOCUSED  
UPON THE CUBAN RESIDENT ALIEN POPULATION IN THE U.S., WHICH  
HAS BEEN USING U.S. RE-ENTRY PERMITS AS PRIMARY TRAVEL  
DOCUMENTS IN LIEU OF CUBAN PASSPORTS.

2. WHEN QUERIED AS TO REASON FOR INQUIRY, OFFICIAL EXPLAINED  
THAT UP TO NOW, ALL CUBAN U.S.-RESIDENT ALIENS APPLYING FOR  
VISAS TO ENTER BRAZIL HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SECURITY SCREENING  
WHICH DELAYS VISAS ISSUANCE BY A MONTH OR MORE. FOREIGN  
MINISTRY IS ATTEMPTING TO ACQUIRE DISCRETION  
OVER DEPTH OF SCREENING FOR VISA ISSUANCE,  
AT LEAST FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS TO WHICH  
FULL SCREENING IN ALL CASES HAS HERETOFORE BEEN THE  
RULE. IN CASE OF CUBAN U.S.-RESIDENT ALIENS, THIS DIS-  
CRETION WOULD VERY LIKELY BE USED TO EASE VISAS ISSUANCE,  
THUS REDUCING THE WORKLOAD FOR BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES AND  
NEEDLESS INCONVENIENCE TO VISA APPLICANTS. TO SUPPORT  
ITS PROPOSAL TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED FOREIGN  
MINISTRY IS INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING THE LEVEL OF SCREENING

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THESE GROUPS MAY HAVE ALREADY UNDERGONE, WHICH WOULD TEND TO

RENDER BRAZILIAN EFFORTS REDUNDANT.

3. EMBOFF RENEWED DISCUSSION AT SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT FOLLOWING CONULTATION WITHIN EMBASSY, AND STATED 1) THAT CUBANS ENTERING THE U.S. FOR RESIDENCE WERE AND ARE THOROUGHLY SCREENED AT THE TIME OF FIRST ENTRY, 2) THAT A LEVEL OF DOMESTIC MONITORING WAS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE 1960'S WHICH LEFT US SATISFIED AS TO THE RELIABILITY OF THE CUBAN COMMUNITY, AND 3) THAT IF FURTHER SCREENING IS CURRENTLY BEING PERFORMED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF RE-ENTRY PERMITS TO CUBANS OR AS PART OF THE CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE FOR RESIDENT ALIENS DEPARTING THE U.S., THE EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF IT, ALTHOUGH IT IS QUITE DOUBTFUL IN VIEW OF POINTS 1 AND 2.

4. POST BELIEVES THAT A LOOSENING UP OF BRAZILIAN VISA ISSUANCE TO U.S. RESIDENT-ALIEN CUBANS WOULD BE OF VALUE NOT ONLY FOR ITS OWN SAKE, BUT AS ADDED INSURANCE AGAINST ANY POSSIBILITY THAT CUBANS NATURALIZED AS U.S. CITIZENS MIGHT ENCOUNTER SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUTURE.

5. POST REQUESTS THAT DEPT CONTACT INS TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT SECURITY OR POLICE CHECKS ARE PERFORMED ON RESIDENT ALIENS, SPECIFICALLY CUBANS, PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM U.S. AND/OR ISSUANCE OF RE-ENTRY PERMITS, AND THAT INFORMATION BE FORWARDED TO POST WITH AUTHORIZUTION TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY IN GENERAL TERMS OF SUCH PROVISIONS AS MAY EXIST, WHICH WOULD BUTTRESS FOREIGN MINISTRY CASE FOR LIGHTER SCREENING OF CUBAN VISA APPLICANTS RESIDENT IN U.S.  
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